GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY OF SIR CREEK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The progress made in the present composite dialogue held in June, 2006 between India and Pakistan to arrive at a consensus for the survey of Sir Creek before expiry of the time of the demarcation of maritime boundary as set by the United States which comes to an end in 2009; and

(b) The reaction of the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) Talks on Sir Creek were held on August 6-7, 2004 in New Delhi where both India and Pakistan presented their positions and exchanged views on the various issues involved. During the next round of discussions in Rawalpindi on May 28-29, 2005 the two sides agreed to continue their discussions aimed at an early resolution of the issue for the mutual benefit of the two countries. In the third round of Composite Dialogue discussions on the Sir Creek, held on May 25-26, 2006 in New Delhi, delineation of the land boundary and delimitation of the maritime boundary in the Sir Creek area were discussed. It was agreed to conduct a joint survey of the Sir Creek and adjoining areas and waters between November 2006 and March 2007. It was also agreed that the extent and modalities of the joint survey would be worked out in a meeting of technical experts in August 2006. The meeting would also discuss the options for delimitation of the maritime boundary.